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United States District Court Judge Nathaniel M. Gorton 1 Courthouse Way Boston, MA 02210

RE: Docket No. 14-CR-10163-NMG

Dear Judge Gorton:

I am writing this letter in response to your March 16, 2015 Order regarding my absence from the March 16, 2015 initial status conference. I received the notice for the hearing by ECF on February 6, 2015. As is the practice in my office, we printed out a copy of the notice. However, I inadvertently failed to note the conference in my schedule book. As a result, I was in Lowell Superior Court for a lobby conference, Commonwealth v. Rodrigo Kestering, on March 16, 2015 rather than in your courtroom for the scheduled conference. It was only at approximately 3:15 p.m. on March 16, 2015, after I had left Lowell Superior Court and checked my phone, viewed the e-mail from your clerk, Christine Patch, and then spoke with Assistant United States Attorney Ted Heinrich, that I realized I had missed the scheduled status conference. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to be aware of all scheduled court events and to mark them in my schedule accordingly. I can assure this Court that this sort of inattentiveness will not happen again. I apologize to this Court for the inconvenience caused by my absence from the scheduled conference.

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul J. Garrity

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